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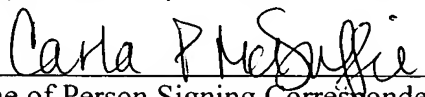
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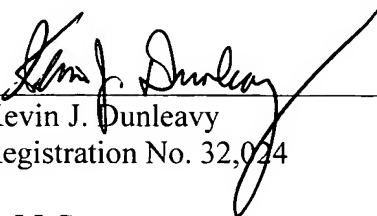
The references cited on the attached Substitute PTO 1449 were previously cited in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/162,261, which is a parent of the present application. Copies of the patent references can be found in that parent application. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of the non-patent references are attached.

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	AC	5,177,112	01/05/1993	Horn			
	AD	5,256,661	10/26/1993	Horn			
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